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Applicant : Sarah DESMOTS et al.

Serial No. : 09/381,890

Filed : September 24, 1999

Title : DEPILATORY COMPOSITIONS, THEIR PREPARATION AND USE

DECLARATION RE INVENTOR SEVERINE POETTE

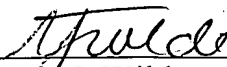
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3. On 4 November 2000, Séverine Poette executed a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, copy of which is here attached as Exhibit J-1. I have been informed that this Declaration is not acceptable because it does not name the other seven co-inventors in this application.
4. On 3 October 2001, I wrote to Ms. Poette and asked her to sign another Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney for this application. Attached, as Exhibit J-2, are copies of my letter of 3 October, of the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney, and of a UPS waybill showing that these documents were sent to Ms. Poette, on 3 October 2001. I used, as the address, the last known address of Ms. Poette which is the same address as shown on Exhibit J-1.

5. The materials sent to inventor Poette were returned as undeliverable. Attached, as Exhibit J-3, is a copy of the waybill of Exhibit J-2 with stickers covering portions of the left side and right side. On the left is a follow-up label ("Etiquette de Suivi") which obscures the shipping address. However, the shipping number near the top is identical. The sticker on the right side is a Return to Shipper Notice showing that the package was returned on 12 October 2001 marked "address not found".
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Signed at Kingston upon Hull, England, this 4 day of <sup>February</sup>~~December~~, 2001.

  
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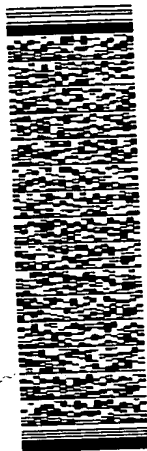
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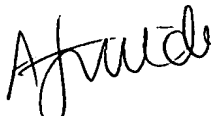
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